

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the pending Office Action of July 11, 2007, Applicants present the following election of species and amendments. The present amendments are requested solely for the purpose of more clearly describing and claiming the present invention and do not introduce any new matter. Applicant submits that in light of the election of species presented and amendments requested, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of these amendments, reconsideration of all pending rejections and objections, and passage to allowance is respectfully requested. With the entry of this amendment, claims 1-3, 5-26 and 28-36 are pending herein.

Amendments to the claims

Amendments of claims 1 and 5 are requested to clarify antecedent basis. The requested amendments are supported throughout the specification and by claims 1, 4, and 5 as originally submitted. Amendments of claims 1 and 5 do not introduce any new matter.

Amendments of claims 26 and 29 are requested to correct antecedent basis. Amendments of claims 26 and 29 do not introduce any new matter.

Election of Species Requirement

The Office Action mailed July 11, 2007 asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species	Claims
I-a	electrode comprising silicon nanofilm (claims 1, 2, 5-7, 26, 28, 36)
I-b	electrode comprising lithium alloy silicon nanofilm (claims 1, 3, 26, 28)
I-c	electrode comprising silicon nanoparticle (claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 29-31)
I-d	electrode comprising lithium alloy silicon nanofilm (claims 8, 9, 10, 29, 31)

The Office Action requires election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of species I-b: an electrode comprising lithium alloy silicon nanofilm. Applicants identify claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 26, 28 and 36 as corresponding to the elected species. Claim 1 is identified as generic to, and thereby linking, the inventions Ia and Ib

Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue rights in the fullest extent of subject matter of the present invention including, but not limited to, the inventions of Species Ia, Ib, Ic and Id, in the present application or any subsequently filed continuation, divisional and/or continuation-in-part applications.

It is believed that a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee is required for this submission. Therefore, payment in the amount of \$230.00 is being made via the Electronic Filing System with this submission. If any additional fees or further extensions of time are required, or if there is a malfunction with the electronic filing process, however, please also deduct all additional fees for this submission and any extension of time required from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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